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IN THE CLAIMS

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Amend the claims as follows.

Claims 1-23 (Canceled).

24. (Currently Amended) A method of raising an immune response in an animal or human against a mycobacterium, ~~the which method comprises~~ comprising administering an effective amount of a polypeptide selected from:

- (i) a polypeptide according to SEQ ID NO: 24;
- (ii) a polypeptide comprising a polypeptide according to (i);
- (iii) a polypeptide having at least 70% amino acid identity to a polypeptide of (i) over 30 or more contiguous amino acids; which retains the ability to stimulate an immune response against said mycobacterium or
- (iv) a fragment of a polypeptide of (i) comprising at least 12 amino acids and an epitope.

Claim 25. (Canceled).

26. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 25 24 wherein ~~the polypeptide is provided by expression from a polynucleotide~~ said administering is performed by expression of the polypeptide from a polynucleotide.

Claims 27-47 (Canceled).

48. (new) A method according to claim 24 wherein said polypeptide has at least 80% amino acid identity to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 24 over 30 or more contiguous amino acids and wherein said polypeptide retains the ability to stimulate an immune response against said mycobacterium.

49. (new) A method according to claim 24 wherein said polypeptide has at least 90% amino acid identity to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 24 over 30 or more contiguous amino acids and wherein said polypeptide retains the ability to stimulate an immune response against said mycobacterium.

50. (new) A method according to claim 24 wherein said polypeptide has at least 95% amino acid identity to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 24 over 30 or more contiguous amino acids and wherein said polypeptide retains the ability to stimulate an immune response against said mycobacterium.

51. (new) A method according to claim 24 wherein said polypeptide has at least 98% amino acid identity to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 24 over 30 or more contiguous amino acids and wherein said polypeptide retains the ability to stimulate an immune response against said mycobacterium.

52. (new) A method according to claim 24 wherein said polypeptide has at least 95% amino acid identity to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 24 over its entire length and

wherein said polypeptide retains the ability to stimulate an immune response against
said mycobacterium.
